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Why will PAK Lithium Project be different from the Berens River Mine at Favorable Lake?

While there are many differences between the Berens River Mine and the PAK Project, the most important are the differences relate to the introduction of mining and environmental laws and closure requirements since the Berens River Mine was in production. These requirements help ensure that environmental impacts experienced by communities as a result of the Berens River Mine never happen again.

The Berens River Mine was an underground mine that produced gold, silver, lead and zinc from 1939 to 1948. The mine was active at a time before mining and environmental laws existed. Since that time the Province of Ontario and the federal government have passed strict laws to protect both people, wildlife and the environment. These include Ontario's Mining Act, Canada's Fisheries Act and Species at Risk Act and many other environmental laws, all of which Frontier Lithium must adhere to in order to mine at the PAK Project.

Current laws require significant investment by companies, such as Frontier Lithium, to understand the environment in which they intend to work. Studies conducted by Frontier Lithium cover everything from water and water quality, to fish and wildlife. There is even a requirement to study the tissues of fish most commonly eaten by communities!

Ontario's Mining Ac, for example, includes strict requirements for the rehabilitation and closure of mine sites in the Province, including the requirement for companies, like Frontier Lithium, to provide financial assurance (cash/bond or letter of credit) up front prior to beginning advanced exploration or mine production. This ensures that exploration and mine sites get cleaned up by either the company doing the mining or the provincial government and ensures that impacts from legacy sites, such as the Berens River Mine at Favorable Lake, no longer happen.